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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Major Kent	Army
Lt. Madden	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
25X1 ASD	Air Force
[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)

2. Frequency of NIS Committee Meetings

The Committee considered the advisability of more frequent meetings for the NIS Committee in view of the large number of items which have been appearing on the agenda for these meetings. It was the consensus that the Committee should normally meet every two weeks.

3. F.O.A. Request for NIS

The Chairman referred to the request from the Foreign Operations Administration for all sections on NIS 9 (Spain), which had been submitted to the members for consideration at the last meeting (27 October 1953). The State member indicated his department's approval of the request. The other members, however, indicated they will require a letter of justification and specific request in writing from F.O.A. before taking final action in the matter. The Chairman undertook to obtain these.

4. Proposed Combined Area Treatment for Chapter IX

The Committee approved the proposal of the Chapter IX Coordinator for combined Chapter IX treatment for Areas 47 (Algeria) and 48 (Morocco). (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 156).

5. Treasury Dept. Request for NIS

A request from the Treasury Dept. for Section 36, Part II (Greek-Owned Foreign-Flag Merchant Fleet) on NIS 24 (Greece) was submitted to the members for consideration. It was decided that a letter of justification together with request in writing would be necessary before action could be taken.

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6. Control on Supplement V, NIS 100

The Chairman reported that Sections 3, 4, and 7 of Supplement V (Petroleum), NIS 100 (Indonesia), are controlled "U.S. Officials Only", while the remaining sections are not so controlled. In view of the integrated nature of treatment of subject matter in Supplement V, he proposed to the Committee that the entire Supplement as a unit be controlled "U.S. Officials Only". However, within the Supplement only Sections 3, 4, and 7 would carry controlled statements throughout. After discussion the Committee approved the proposal.

7. Downgrading of NIS Area Map

The Chairman referred to a question previously raised by the Army member concerning the downgrading of the NIS Area Map to "Restricted" (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 156), in view of a decision by the Committee to carry this classification for NIS Areas by name and number (NIS Memorandum No. 17, dated 18 March 1952). In discussing this matter it developed that there was a forthcoming change in classification of documents which would remove the "Restricted" category. It was decided, therefore, to take no further action until the new classification directive had been received and interpreted.

8. Partition of Section 22, NIS 99

The Chairman noted that Section 22 (Coasts and Landing Beaches) of NIS 99 (Philippine Islands) was quite voluminous and, he felt, required a breakdown by parts to make it a more usable document. The Committee offered no objection to this proposal and agreed to permit Navy and D/B to determine the extent of breakdown on the working level.

9. Dissemination of NIS Draft Material

The Chairman noted that there was a growing tendency on the part of many NIS contributors to disseminate drafts of NIS contributions in a form which did not clearly indicate that the material was unfinished intelligence or that it was to be destroyed upon issuance of the related NIS. He pointed out that the Signal Corps was using cover sheets for their contributions to State which bore no indications of their unfinished or temporary nature. This raised the whole question relative to the fundamental policy developed by the Committee (see NIS Committee Meeting No. 28, 21 April 1949) which states that each IAC agency is authorized to distribute its own produced NIS contributions for specific intelligence requirements. Discussion by the Committee revealed that it was necessary to include a statement as to the temporary nature of such contributions and their destruction upon receipt of the related NIS published material. The Committee agreed to restrict

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dissemination of NIS contributions to a minimum and to study further the entire matter for discussion at a later meeting.

✓ 10. Correlation Guide

The Chairman inquired as to the extent to which the Correlation Guide, dated 1 June 1951, had been utilized by the various contributors. The Correlation Guide sets forth the principal inter-relationships between the various NIS sections to insure proper integration of related subject treatment. The Chairman pointed out that the purpose of the Guide was primarily for use by analysts in the preparation of material for the NIS. It was also designed for use in the review, editing and correlation of NIS material, as well as in the revision of the NIS under the maintenance program. The Committee members were asked to survey their contributors to determine how useful the Correlation Guide has been, and to be prepared at the next meeting to discuss improvements of the Guide leading to its greater usefulness.

11. NIS Questionnaire

The Committee discussed the proposed questionnaire submitted by the Chairman at the last meeting (see NIS Committee Meeting No. 156). The members were generally of the opinion that this type of questionnaire was the best for eliciting a meaningful response from a broad number of users of the NIS, and especially those on departmental and major command staffs. There may still be a requirement for a detailed questionnaire from the operational users of the NIS. The Service members felt that this question could be examined after the replies from the main questionnaire had been received and analysed. They further felt that this type of detailed questionnaire could be best developed by each department in terms of its phase of the NIS work. The Committee had certain suggestions to make relative to the questionnaire submitted by the Chairman, which he undertook to incorporate in a new draft to be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

12. Army Report on Capabilities for Producing Supplement IV

The Army member reported that discussions were going on between G-2, Army Map Service, and the potential contributors to Supplement IV, and that he would be prepared to call a general meeting of all interested agencies before long.

13. Revised Tentative NIS Production Schedule - Fiscal Year 1955

The Chairman distributed copies of the Revised Tentative NIS Production Schedule for FY 55 to the members. He noted that all the questions

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raised at the previous meeting relative to the schedule had now been resolved. The new schedule calls for the production of 475 sections, with the following breakdown among contributors:

State (including contributions from	212
Interior and Agriculture)	
Army	136
Navy	53
Air Force	34
D/GG	24
OSO	7
OSI	9

Approximately 20% of the total schedule comes under the Maintenance Program. The Chairman noted that no attempt had been made as yet to include Chapter I in this schedule but that this matter would be taken in hand as soon as the prototype Chapter I on Iran had been developed and the experience gained could be translated into a particular production requirement.

The Army member raised the question as to the deadline on the Army contribution on Chapter I for Iran. The Chairman informed him agreement had been reached at the NIS Committee Meeting of 6 October 1953 that first drafts of all contributions for Chapter I were to be in D/B by 8 December. At the same time, the Chapter I task group within D/B will have developed Sections 10 and 11, as well as the principal maps. Copies of the assembled material will then be made available to each member for examination and determination of the changes necessary to produce a well-coordinated and balanced Chapter I. The Army member was asked, therefore, to proceed rapidly in getting together the Army's contribution so that there would be a minimum time lag with the contributions from the other agencies.

14. Revised Outline for Section 45

The Army member submitted for consideration of the Committee a proposed revision for Outline on Section 45 (Health and Sanitation). The Chairman requested that this matter be considered at the next meeting.

15. The next meeting of the Committee was set for 8 December 1953.

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